S.N.	Project	State	Status
4.	Garufella	Assam	Received in Central Water Commission in October 1992. Compliance report from State Government to comments of the Central Water Commission is awaited.
5.	Deopani	Assam	Received in Central Water Commission May 1998. Compliance report from State Government to establish techno-economic viability is awaited.

Clearance of the irrigation project depends on the prompt compliance of the observation of Central Water Commission by the State Government.

Ramba-Achancoil Upper Link Project

1661. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Tamil Nadu Government is attempting to collect illegally the river water of "Ramba" and "Achancoil" of Kerala by constructing a Dam at Mekkera;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that proposed Ramba—Achancoil upper link canal project aims at collecting Kerala river water by constructing underground canals; and

(d) whether Government propose to intervene in the matter to stop the action of Tamil Nadu which will adversely affect the interest of Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) According to press reports, Government of Tamil Nadu has taken up construction of Mekkera Dam on Hanuman Nadhi. Under the Peninsular Component of National Perspective Plan prepared by Government, inter-linking of Pamba and Achankovil with Vaippar is envisaged for diverting available surplus water in Pamba and Achankovil rivers in Kerala to the deficit Vaippar basin in Tamil Nadu. The feasibility report of the link has been prepared by National Water Development Agency. Implementation of the link proposal would depend on various factors like preparation of detailed project report, consensus among the concerned States and availability of funds etc. The Mekkera Dam is not a part of the proposed Pamba-AchankovilVaippar link.